

CHAPTER 12

SECTION 12.2

TRICARE OVERSEAS PROGRAM (TOP) - PROGRAM INTEGRITY

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I. POLICY

To the extent possible program integrity activities for the TRICARE Overseas Program by the Managed Care Support Contractor in TRICARE Overseas Program areas shall use the provisions of **OPM Part Two, Chapter 7** as guidelines for determining potential fraud and abuse. The TMA Program Integrity Branch in Aurora, Colorado, is officially designated as the administrative hub worldwide for all fraud and abuse cases (including contract fraud, provider fraud and beneficiary fraud). The TMA Program Integrity Branch refers alleged contract and provider fraud to the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. Under established protocol and directives, alleged beneficiary fraud cases are the responsibility of the Office of Special Investigations of the Appropriate Branch of Service and are also coordinated centrally through the TMA Program Integrity Branch. If a Lead Agent or MTF Commander is made aware of a possible fraudulent or abuse practice by a provider in the civilian network, or by a beneficiary (enrolled or not enrolled), the case should be referred to TMA.

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